r/MtF • 7mo ago
JessicaPink703 Legal Researcher

How To Update Sex on US Passports: From Legal Researcher behind Orr v. Trump

Good News

Today folks, we received amazing news for our community! With my work for creating the core APA arguments behind Orr. v Trump (see here, here, and here), the State Department has finally **implemented** a federal judge's ruling blocking the Transgender Passport Ban nationwide for every Transgender and Nonbinary American! This means you are **now able to get Passports** with your **preferred sex marker** on it! 🥰

So, how do you get yours updated to your choice of Male, Female, or Non-binary (X)? Simple, just submit this form with your Passport Application as you would otherwise with the attestation below, and you'll be good to go:

https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/passports/forms-fees/Attestation%20Form.pdf
Remember too: If you ordered your Passport within the last year and it has the wrong sex designation on it, any amendments via mail should be free (Form DS-5504).

It's crazy how this all started with a Reddit post with me explaining the Administrative Procedure Act and Trump's EO, evolved to me consulting potential plaintiffs, and you all sending my work through to the ACLU with your intake forms. You guys have secured this monumental victory for our community, it was always a team effort.

I am so happy to have been a small piece of your lives, and am happy to answer any questions you may have below!

With love, Jessica J. <3

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egirlclique • 7mo ago

Is this safe to fill out and send in or are they going to be keeping a list of everyone doing this and interring them in camps in the next decade and a half?

Just asking because this seems to good to be true and I feel like there may be a lot of scary things coming down the pipeline

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Artistic_Skill1117 • 7mo ago

Honestly, they probably will use this to make a list. But they have a bunch of ways to get a list... they could take our medical records, any documented changes, SSA, etc.

I am getting mine and getting out.

[deleted] • 7mo ago

GTS250 • 7mo ago
Trans-Bi

Do you want to live in fear of the government finding something they already can find out, or do you want to never have to worry about your employer or apartment knowing you're trans?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

They are collecting an internal list of those who use this new procedure, but a couple things you should know:

1. The State Department admitted in court filings that they know it will be logistically impossible to re-issue everyone's Passports, tried and failed to use that to argue relief shouldn't be extended to everyone.
2. While this could theoretically be used as a factor for future lists, every trans and non-binary person will likely already be on that list without touching a Passport. Technically, anyone with a gender dysphoria diagnosis can get an amended one. Everything from name changes, to online social media, to past government records like taxes, school records, bank records, nearly every trans and non-binary American will already be caught up in that list anyway. Statistically, it will not make a difference.

Salty_Permit4437 • 7mo ago

They already have a list. They keep a copy of every document you send and every old passport you've had.

This form is to document compliance with the order.

8 more replies

jester32 • 7mo ago
Transgender

Agreed. Honestly, I am going to wait until this all blows over before exposing myself to possible harm and targeted loss of healthcare....

RymrgandsDaughter • 7mo ago
Chime Bearer

I mean if you have this at least you can get out if possible, they can always make lists if they try hard enough

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sentient_capital • 7mo ago

Is it confirmed that workers and the government are complying with this?

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Salty_Permit4437 • 7mo ago

Yes some have received updated passports but at in person passport centres.

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These-Progress227 • 7mo ago

Excellent question! I'd like to know, too.

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Paljor • 7mo ago

Just so everyone knows, if you have a passport from this year with the wrong marker on it you can change it back for basically free. Just use the new form in the post, your current incorrect passport, and passport form 5504, there is no fee for that form besides postage.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/forms.html

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Wish I could pin your post! <3

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GraceBlade • 7mo ago

And, as someone in r/passports suggested to me, use registered mail so you can track it.

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Good_Delivery_2731 • 7mo ago

Should you select printed incorrectly as the reasoning for this form? If you aren't changing your name, as well.

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aesthephile • 6mo ago

do you know whether you need to submit a new photo? I really like the one I used last time lol (like five months ago)

1 more reply

AutumnTx_ • 7mo ago
Autumn - semi-closeted

Thanks so much! Glad to see people are standing up for us up there

JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

"To enjoy a challenge; With your talents; make some friendships; And feel alive" - Together Till Infinity

PhysicsInMotion1 • 7mo ago
Kayla, Transbian, HRT (10/21/2024)

Had a quick question. For someone who's not living in the US but wants to update their passport, would I just do it at the US embassy and bring the extra form along with me as well as the correction form and passport? I decided in March that it was better to have a passport than not so I'm super excited to get everything fixed! :)

JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Yup, do exactly that! This web page may have additional information:
https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport/outside-us.html

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tofubaggins • 7mo ago

Yep! I went to my embassy last week (I'm in Berlin) and they were actually quite helpful. At the time, they put my application on hold because they weren't sure of next steps, but I just sent them the attestation form this morning. When I went for my appointment, I also brought a copy of the injunction, just in case they weren't knowledgeable of it and it came in handy.

1 more reply

kimchipowerup • 7mo ago

Lesbian

OP, how does this affect renewals? Mine expires in early '27... should I try for a renewal now, or wait?

JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

1. If you already have your preferred sex on it, you'll need to wait till you are within one year of expiration.
2. If you don't have your preferred sex on it, you can apply now.

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kanto_k1rika • 7mo ago

Are there any updates regarding social security gender marker changes?

JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

No, while my APA work in Orr got taken up by the ACLU, utilizing it for Social Security record Sex Data changes never happened. Probably for a couple reasons:

1. The Biden administration barred must private entities from seeing that portion of the record, thereby not much if any day to day impact for most trans people.
2. Because it's not visible and not really necessary for legal transitions for most anymore, it kind of fell under the radar.

If you can find an individual pro bono attorney in your state who would be willing to take it, everything they should need for it is in another post of mine on my profile.

4 more replies

Okami512 • 7mo ago

Question, if I applied in the last year, would the form I need to fill out in addition to the attestation be the DS-5504?

JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

That is the correct form.

Okami512 • 7mo ago

Thanks!

Feel-A-Great-Relief • 7mo ago

Woo! Go kick rocks, Trump and Rubio!

JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Omg, so hilarious! 😆

Feel-A-Great-Relief • 7mo ago

Yeah, while I absolutely wish they would've complied immediately, you can imagine just how salty they are about finally admitting they have no choice but to comply 🧂

LilyJayne80 • 7mo ago

So will this be okay with those of us who had paperwork changed but never had a passport before?

3 more replies

homemadeammo42 • 7mo ago
MTF

Do I sign this form with my court ordered name or my dead name?

JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Your new legal name (not just with this, but everything), since by law, that is your new name now even if their records haven't been updated yet.

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LionDoggirl • 7mo ago

Maybe I'm completely misunderstanding things, but how does this still work with the SCOTUS universal injunction ruling?

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Paljor • 7mo ago

This was a class action ruling which serves as a loophole to that ruling.

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Completely unaffected by it, class actions are not universal injunctions. Class actions are a judicial procedure made by Congress, universal injunctions were invented by the courts themselves.

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Suspended-Seventh • 7mo ago
Girl (Self-Diagnosed)

This was organized/reorganized as a class action I think

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Groundbreaking-Pen39 • 7mo ago

Do you need to have SSA or Drivers license with the preferred marker or can this be done on only passport with the attestation?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Make sure your legal name is up to date with SSA, otherwise, you're good to go with standard procedure without updating anything else! 👍

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maybeyhayley • 7mo ago
Hayley | 1/14/23

I'm 80% sure you don't even need SSA as long as you have a court order or whatever

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Specialist_Staff213 • 7mo ago
FtM

Just updated my mailed application to urgent travel expedited request. Fingers crossed!

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ynmsgames • 7mo ago

Hi, what does the future look like for this case & trans passports? How long do we expect this to last?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Great question! I estimate the current preliminary classwide injunction should last somewhere between 6 months to two years (generalized time between preliminary injunction and end of trial). Once struck down, Trump will have a hell of a time reinstituting it the way the final injunction request is written.

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Ok_Sock_6485 • 4mo ago

I'm hoping you see this soon. My husband needs to update his passport gender marker and name but his was issued more than 15 years ago. Google is telling us he needs an in-person appointment. But the passport agency closest to us says that we have to have international travel scheduled within 14 days to make an appointment. What do we do? We want to get this updated before the October 6th date we see floating around.

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YealDunnoEither • 7mo ago

Way to go!!!

2 Reply Award Share ···

N_Pitou • 7mo ago
HRT 2/8/24 :hamster:

yay glad i mailed out my passport last thursday :') any chance i can add an amendment to it?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

According to the State Department, in your situation: "If we receive an application without an

According to the State Department, in your situation: "If we receive an application without an attestation and determine you may be a class member, we will send you a letter requesting the attestation. You must submit the attestation within 90 days."

It's also possible if you have your application info to try sending in the attestation, as a follow up supporting documentation. May need to do some Googling.

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N_Pitou • 7mo ago
HRT 2/8/24 :hamster:

on the phone with the help line rn getting this answer and im breaking the news to her. She doesnt seem to happy lol

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Exotic-Passage • 7mo ago

If we have never had a passport before, and are getting one for the first time, are we able to apply through the mail?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

You'll need to actually go either in person to an agency office (only if you have urgent travel, basically a trip scheduled soon). Otherwise, you can drop a first time application with everything needed to your local USPS Mail Office

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BlessedWolf9019 • 7mo ago

This gave me hope for the first time in a while :)

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

I feel this deep, like a giant weight lifted off my shoulders 🤗

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SourishPants • 7mo ago

I just submitted my application via mail about a week ago. Should I wait for them to tell me I need to fill out this form, or should I fill it out now and send it in separately?

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UndefeatedValkyrie • 7mo ago

Do you know if this also applies to CRBAs and applications currently in process? I submitted my CRBA for update late last year and got an email a couple months ago from the State Dept. saying they would be unable to fulfill my request due to the EO, and I had 90 days to let them know if I wanted to still have my name updated or just have the original CRBA returned to me (after which they would do the latter by default) for which I have <1 week left to respond. Do you think it would be worth a shot to fill this out and wave it in front of them anyway and see what happens? Any help greatly appreciated!

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Sadly, CRBAs are not the subject of this order (so he can keep requiring biological sex only on it). If you already have a Passport application in process, you can either wait for the reply asking for more information, or if you have your passport application info send it in under that as supplemental

documentation.

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tia_Tameras_triplet • 7mo ago

Out of curiosity, I do plan on getting a name change, but my name is still male presenting (I'm MtF) should I still change the gender marker anyways; and then in the future amend my passport when I get my first (and possibly also my last) name legally changed?

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mushpuppy • 7mo ago

So--they refused to change my daughter's passport in January. She currently has an incorrect marker.

Do we have to wait for the State Dept to notify us?

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1i2728 • 7mo ago

Do I have to submit the Attestation form if my Passport already has an updated gender marker, and I am applying for a name change?

My passport already has the updated gender marker from last year, but still has my deadname on it.

I've been hesitant to apply for a new one because I feared it would flag me, and they'd revert the gender marker.

Technically, my current gender marker is different from the one on my original birth certificate (and older passports), and I think I'm supposed to attest that? But I also don't want to draw unnecessary attention to it.

Edit: I am not part of the original lawsuit

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Rachellynn11 • 7mo ago

Thank you. You made my year.

2 Reply Award Share ···

Anxious_Spare_6406 • 7mo ago

Thank you very much.

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tofubaggins • 7mo ago

Unfortunately, I think they'll probably make a list from people requiring these changes, but I'm fortunate enough to be already living in Germany, I just desperately need an updated passport because I don't have my German citizenship yet. I submitted my application last week for my new US Passport and just sent them the attestation form, so we'll see what happens.

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Archibaldovich • 7mo ago

My gender marker should be X, and they gave me a passport with the wrong one at the beginning of the year. 5504 still only has M and F- do i just not check one and attach the form about the class action, or do I need to check one?

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muchboogaloo • 7mo ago

If you read the attestation form, it says at the bottom not to mark a sex on 5504 and select X on the attestation form if you want an X marker.

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GraceBlade • 7mo ago

I posted this as a comment in a thread on r/passports: I know this sounds pedantic, and I know the answer, but this statement bothers me:

" If I am selecting a sex marker that is different from the sex marker on my original birth certificate"

In Arizona, they issue a completely new original certificate with no indication it was changed. The old certificate then becomes a sealed record. I know that "Technically" my very first certificate says male, but my certificate that says "Female" is considered my "Original" certificate. Just venting I guess, because they want to screw with us no matter what.

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TechieInTheTrees • 7mo ago

Hi there.

My passport is already updated to reflect F. I have an unamended birth certificate that says F, but I held a passport before I transitioned.

What should I do with the new ruling? Do I need to submit the attestation form or should I just use my birth certificate?

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MooseManDeluxe • 7mo ago

Do I need to send my gender dysphoria letter from my doctor as well?

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captainearth69 • 7mo ago

I'm planning on waiting until after I travel to the US (in a week) because I won't have time to get it updated...should I be worried this will be blocked in August (because this is a temporary block) or not?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

I find it highly unlikely it will be blocked on appeal, the core of this case is my work with the Administrative Procedure Act, which is more technical procedure violations rather than transgender rights alone.

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KhloeRug • 7mo ago
Transgender

If my gender marker on my passport is wrong and my birth certificate is not updated yet, can I still get an

updated passport with form DS-5504?

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gorgeously_mytruself • 7mo ago

I am torn... I would love to put X, as I feel it is the most accurate, but I also think that X is just as unsafe as M.... So should I put F or X?

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shabbytigers • 7mo ago

Hi.

Thank you so much for your incredibly valuable work.

Partly thinking aloud here, but would happily accept a disaster check. I'm already living in Germany with dual citizenship but have changed nothing at all as yet as far as paperwork, because having discordant names and/or genders on your two passports is really bad and the whole situation has been pretty daunting.

It sounds like I now need to act:

1. initiate the German name change process - there's a three month wait, altho it isn't otherwise difficult
2. go to NY to get name change done by court order, get name but not gender changed at SSA, and make an expedited passport request. I probably need about three, four weeks in NY for this cluster of steps. a bit nervous because my birth certificate isn't American and I'm not going to be able to change it, but I looked into this in December and it seemed Probably Feasible, if SSA in NYC isn't hostile

timing for this step — I won't be within a year of passport expiry till July 26 but does that even matter? realistically this NY trip won't happen till September in any case, unless I really move heaven and earth; should I do that? or is Sept a safe enough timeframe to plan around?

3. fly back to Germany, on return airline ticket in old name, using existing German passport in old name, with shiny new US passport in pocket

4. wait for the German process to complete, avoiding further U.S. travel until both passports match again

... does all of this sound more or less reality-based? at least from the U. S. side?

you can see why I'm antsy about timing. ugh. to minimize the discordant passports period when traveling to the U.S. would be problematic or impossible (this matters, my parents are very elderly) I'd need to initiate the German process before I go get all this done. and what if something then goes wrong with the U.S. process? maybe better to wait till I finish the U.S. first. worst case I thiiiiink I might be able to manage in the difficult window if I buy two separate one-way flight tickets in different names, skull.emoji

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Generally, you only need one name change order (as typically, court orders across national boarders are recognized). I can't answer any other questions on how to do this via German law or how that impacts you as a dual citizen, as it is not my area of expertise.

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DianaPrince33 • 7mo ago

This feels like a dumb question, but I want to get it right the first time. On the DS-5504 page 1, do I put down my preferred gender, or my biological one? On page 2 it has the correction part.

IE, does page 1 have my old/incorrect information, or should it be my actual, correct information?

I'm sure I'm over thinking this.

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[deleted] • 7mo ago

geekyjo • 6mo ago

Ok, so please help me understand what I need to do for my situation...

We changed my son's name legally. We have a court order indicating the change. We applied for an updated passport 3 weeks ago to reflect the name change. As far as I know it is currently processing.

Once we get the new passport, we apply with form DS-5504 to correct the gender marker, and we include the attestation? Is that correct?

When I looked at the form, it seemed to indicate a birth certificate showing the correct information was required. But my son was born in a state that doesn't allow gender changes to birth certificates. We have updated his state ID and his SSN. Is the attestation proof enough, or does the birth certificate have to show the correct gender?

I would really love for him to have the correct gender marker on his passport, I'm just a little confused as to how to make that happen. now.

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JessicaPink703 OP • 6mo ago • Edited 6mo ago
Legal Researcher

The attestation should be enough!

In the interim, I suggest mailing in under your current pending application number your attestation and a letter signed by both of your son's parents requesting a different sex marker than what was listed on your application as supplemental documentation.

If they get it in time, you might avoid having to do the whole amendment process! Remember too, once you have it, you can use a Passport as a Real ID Photo ID, a Birth Certificate alternative, and Travel Document. This is why I also suggest getting a Passport Card in addition, that will serve as a portable Real ID and substitute for your Birth Certificate that fits in a wallet like any other ID. Gets around your state completely! <3

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altriablues • 6mo ago

Not sure if you're still answering questions:

I changed my gender marker (but not name) last year. I now have a court order for name and gender change. For changing my name, I qualify for the DS 5504 form.

I haven't been able to update my Social Security (have to wait for appointment in mid-August). Can I submit (with the attestation document) my passport application now? Do you know if it's possible (and/or needed) to submit DS 5504 through Urgent services?

Do I sign under my old or new court ordered name? My birth state told me to use my old name for my birth certificate.

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JessicaPink703 OP • 6mo ago
Legal Researcher

Wait until you update your legal name with Social Security first. Then, if within one year, apply with the attestation form (even though you've already changed your gender on it) with DS-5504 with standard name amendment instructions on State Department website. If not, you'll need to go for a renewal.

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JessicaPink703 OP • 6mo ago

JessicaPink703 OP • 6mo ago
Legal Researcher

I would like to make this comment quickly responding to some recent allegations made by Zealousideal-Bee-731 against my work.

I would like to respond to the following points:

1. My explanation of the APA that led them to try and get a new Passport just after the Executive Order came down was based on what my work clearly showed the law required, which has now been affirmed by a federal judge. I couldn't have known the Trump administration through Marco Rubio was going to be this brazen in their lawbreaking vs waiting a few days to do the full APA rule making process (which helped the case significantly to kill the policy vs just delay it).
2. In denying the Motion to Enforce after the State Department complied, the federal judge clearly stated that the language of the attestation only meant that your 'sex' (defined as what's on your original birth certificate) is different from your 'gender identity' (how you define yourself). Clear definitions that include transgender, non-binary, and even intersex folks and is not arbitrary under that standard.
3. They are correct that I am not an attorney, my formal and informal credentials are more equivalent to a paralegal. However, I've been studying law for over a decade and at the end of the day, my work prevailed. You can argue with my methods, but not my results. We got there, and I have restored their right to an accurate Passport, even if they end up choosing not to use it.
4. The ACLU has been faithful throughout this case, I continue to be honored that they took up my work for the foundation of this case, and I respectfully condemn recent attacks against them.

Original Comment: https://www.reddit.com/r/transgender/comments/1m28yde/comment/n3o4nck/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web3x&utm_name=web3xcss&utm_term=1&utm_content=share_button

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[deleted] • 6mo ago

Thank YOU for looking out for us and helping with this. We all know how huge of a win this is for us, and its nice to see us looking out for each other <3

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JessicaPink703 OP • 6mo ago • Edited 6mo ago
Legal Researcher

Trailblazing is about using your life to create a blaze of light connecting countless people across the stars with each other, that's the rewarding part of my life path. ❤️

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aloha_teawa • 6mo ago

i have a passport that expires in 1.5 years. i want to change it to M (it says F). i have urgent travel in august. i have an appt at the passport office already. which form(s) other than the attestation should i fill out? and what doc do i need? am i applying as a new one or renewing? i feel like im so afraid of messing up

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JessicaPink703 OP • 6mo ago
Legal Researcher

In your case, you are renewing early and seeking an updated gender marker. Go ahead and bring the attestation and follow the standard instructions for an early renewal needed due to needing an amendment via the State Department website's instructions.

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1curious2 • 6mo ago

Hi, I also DMd in case you aren't reading this anymore. I could use some help and advice. We submitted my adult son's application the day after the injunction, expedited, in person. He had a previous passport as a child with wrong gender and name. We included the court order but the attestation form hadn't come out yet. He has not received the attestation form in the mail but did receive an email two weeks ago saying he would receive a letter or email asking for more information. He never received a letter. He called one week ago asking for the letter to be resent. I called today and spoke to someone who said the letter

had not been sent yet and to wait to receive the letter. I asked if we could print out the attestation form and mail it somewhere. She wanted to help but told me she didn't know where to send the form exactly. I asked about sending it to Philadelphia as someone here on reddit told me that worked. She said it had worked for some people, but not for everyone. She did tell me that the passport was being processed in a particular city but that there are two addresses, a shipping address and the mailing address. She suggested I could try mailing it to the mailing address and was just about to give it to me when the call dropped! I was able to google that address. Should I send it there? Should we keep waiting? Any other ideas? Thank you so much.

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Ill-Post3060 • 6mo ago

Hey, I'm pretty new to all of this. I'm not quite passing yet, and my documents don't have my gender marker changed yet because of that, and medical insurance issues may happen.

I had a minor passport before my name was changed, but it's expired anyway. I'm thinking of applying for a new adult passport (my name has been legally changed on everything), asap because of everything going on, but is it better to wait until I get my gender marker changed too?

Sorry if this has been asked multiple times already

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Rachellynn11 • 6mo ago • Edited 6mo ago

I used the information you provided and received a corrected passport with an F on it.

Thank you for helping all of us.

2 Reply Award Share ···

[deleted] • 6mo ago

amarifye • 6mo ago

Just now seeing this is it still effective? I am ftm and got my gender marker right before trump got elected but it still has my dead name on it and have since gotten it legally changed. Do i just need to update my name or do i need to put in a whole new application?

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4 more replies

Alarmed_Chocolate988 • 6mo ago

Jessica - thank you for.your amazing work! I lost (or had stolen) my passport with F as the gender marker (as have the last 3-4 passports I have had). This aligns with my BC. I am going to the passport office to get a new passport asap. I'm assuming I still have to sign the attestation form, right (since I presume they can quickly see a gender change in their records)? Do we know if the attestation form is private (meaning that the government won't publish this list in the Wall Street Journal or something like that?)

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Archibaldovich • 6mo ago

Has this worked for anyone? Just got a new passport with an m instead of an x :'(

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slickmage13 • 5mo ago

i have a question that i dont know if you have the answer to, but i cant find any info online.

i got my passport 6 years ago, before my name change and gender marker change. since then all of my legal documents have my name and correct gender marker, birth certificate, SSA, my ID.

im wondering if I can apply for a renewal if i include all of my name change documents and the attestation for gender marker change? or will i have to completely reapply? if i do have to reapply, would i still have to send my name change forms and the attestation even though all legal documents reflect my identity?

thank you!

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itsokayimokaymaybe • 4mo ago

thank you so much for all of your work on this 💙

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OldYak8841 • 4mo ago

Traditional_Brush719 • 4mo ago

Hello, I got a name change in 2023 and updated all documents to reflect that name change. However, at the time, I felt I didn't pass enough to put M, so I put X instead. I'm at a point in time now that I would like to change the gender marker to M. Since it's been over a year since the issue of my current passport, do I proceed with the DS-5504 form or use the DS-82 form? And, if I do use the DS-82 form, should I still include the Orr v. Trump attestation?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 4mo ago • Edited 4mo ago
Legal Researcher

For your situation, I'm going to give you two options:

1. (Update: Government has shutdown, call to check if your local Passport agency's building has been closed to the public) If you can afford it, buy a refundable ticket out of the country and get a 'Urgent Travel' appointment at your nearest Passport agency with same day service. Follow the online instructions here and bring the attestation form along with everything else needed:

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/get-fast/passport-agencies.html?os=io...%5B0%5D&ref=app

2. If not, do an expedited mail application with the attestation and Form DS-82 by mail with all other requirements.

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be_transcendent • 7mo ago

Can I do this if I just renewed my passport but didn't request one with updated gender?

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bald_and_nerdy • 7mo ago
pre-op

That's the boat I'm in. But the form online that I printed didn't give me the correct gender option.

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Yup, amendments via standard mail are free within one year!

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Choppedl-iver • 7mo ago

Hi, thanks so much for doing this!

Could you weigh in on my issue? I currently have a passport with my correct gender marker, but old name. I have been afraid to send for an update to my passport name and it come back with the wrong gender marker. Do you think I should send this form in with my application to update my name now?

(I got my passport updated with my correct gender marker before the policy changed, but my legal name change wasn't finished at the time.)

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Go ahead and go get that updated now via the standard amendments process with the attestation!

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lowestgryphon • 7mo ago
(tran gril, bi, hrt dec 2021) i feel the lavender slays

If I'm getting it expedited with 1-2 day delivery, will it still be free or would I have to pay the fees for it?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

You have a Passport issued within one year and do it that way, you'd have to pay the expedited fee but no others (like application or search fee).

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fr77132 • 7mo ago

It says to fill out and return the form within 90 days of it being requested. I wonder how that works when you're dealing with overseas renewal that gets mailed to an embassy, then to Pennsylvania?

And I'm dead scared of the order being overturned while my passport is in flight and then having right name, wrong sex, what are the chances of that?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Extremely low, the core of this case is procedural and not trans rights related. If you haven't sent in your application yet, just submit the attestation with your application and you'll be good!

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polypan-storyman • 7mo ago

AH perfect timing! I was just about to apply for a new passport

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Perfect timing then! 😄

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[deleted] • 7mo ago

ghosts333 • 7mo ago

I sent my passport in last week without this form, should it be fine without the form, or shall I call the office or drop off the form in person or something like that?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Mail in the form with your Passport application info as supplemental documentation.

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[deleted] • 7mo ago

Sufficient-Sir4736 • 7mo ago

So this works for anyone who passport didn't get updated when requesting a new one. Updated an expired passport from 12 years ago. They changed my name but not my sex even though all supported documentation my license and new birth certificate said male. I just send in the form ds-5504 corrected to the appropriate gender and the attestation along with my current passport?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 7mo ago
Legal Researcher

Follow the instructions at this link under 'Correct a Data or Printing Error' for everything you need:

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/change-correct.html

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acefolffurry • 7mo ago

Great job. Now we need to stand up for the rights of trans sports players. And the right to gender affirming care. Cmon ladies let's beat the bigots!!!

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UnknownSavgePrincess • 7mo ago

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I'm not changing anything 'officially'. But I have started using my 'nickname'. Same initials so it doesn't draw unwanted attention. Call me weak; I call it safe.

edit: spelling/autocorrupt

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PangolinOk5362 • 5mo ago

Will this form be applicable if you live anywhere in the US?

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Slowwifisucks • 5mo ago

Should this form be printed double sided or on two seperate pages?

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JessicaPink703 OP • 5mo ago
Legal Researcher

Separate but attached pages.

DannyJSchwe • 4mo ago

Hi, i live in wisconsin and just got a notice back that they want me to put an f on my passport that i've been working on since march. I received this form in in my email and i'm just getting to it now.

This applies to everyone that isn't in massachusetts, or a part of the seven people for the ruling, right?

My gender marker and name have been changed on all of my documents.

I have a question though, when it says, my gender identity is different from my sex, or I have been diagnosed with gender dysphoria, which one do I choose? Which one is safer? Technically, its both for me. Ive been in transition for over 15 years...

This is my first passport.So overall, i'm just confused about the process, and now this new form.

Thank you!

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JessicaPink703 OP • 4mo ago
Legal Researcher

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them attached to the notice they gave you.

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mxmels41 • 4mo ago

Hi Jessica! Big fan of your work! I aspire to reach your levels of good trouble. I do have a few Q's. I've legally updated my name at the state level, but I haven't done anything federally yet. Unless I'm mistaken, I need to update it with the SSA before I can pursue a passport, right? Which is better for SSA; online or IRL? Also, is the way to go for on passports the urgent travel IRL + refundable ticket method (or expedited if the former isn't an option)?

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mxmels41 • 4mo ago

Hey Jessica, I deeply appreciate you. I'm trying to rush through this before SCOTUS stays the injunctive relief, but my passport expired in 2023 (deadname, AGAB). Do I renew with DS-82 or start fresh with a DS-11? As far as I'm aware, the DS-82 relief only applies to those renewing within a year of expiration. Does that mean I need to go fresh with a DS-11 and the attestation form? u/JessicaPink703

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VapeGrenade • 4mo ago
FTM Ally

Hey, I found this post just today and plan on using it to get my passport updated. I saw your comments and wanted to let you know you can use DS-82 as long as everything below is true:

- you can submit your most recent U.S. passport book and/or card with the application
- you were at least 16 when your passport was issued
- it was issued less than 15 years ago
- passport is not mutilated, damaged, or has not been reported lost or stolen
- passport was issued with the standard 10-year validity period
- you can provide legal documentation of a name change

And then you ALSO submit the attestation form in the OC post above, to change gender. Then you will get a passport with both correct name and gender. I've already changed my name on the passport earlier this year using this method before the attestation came out and now I am doing it again for the gender marker. You do not need to have updated anything with SSA to have do this.

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